

The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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ILLINOIS STATE ASSEMBLY

John Attey

The Eighth Annual Assembly of the Churches of God of Illinois, which convened at Eldorado, Ill., Nov. 16, 17, 18, 1923, has gone down on record as one of the greatest that has ever been held in the state of Illinois. As the people began to gather in from the North, South, East and West, there was a strange feeling that began to creep over the entire Assembly. As the people continued to come in, the glory of God continued to increase until it seemed that everybody was enveloped in the great power of God. Many were heard to say, "I never felt or saw anything on this fashion before." Oh, such unity, such love, and such power; it was beyond expression, only that we could say with David, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore."

The ministers and Churches are certainly delighted to have Brother Rembert as their Overseer. It seemed that it was love on first sight, while many expressed their regrets of Brother Barnett, our former Overseer, having to leave us, who was appointed Overseer of Ohio; but we trust and feel sure that Illinois' loss will be Ohio's gain.

It was on Friday morning at 9:30 A. M. the Overseer, W. G. Rembert, took the stand, and after a few remarks, read a Scripture lesson, after which prayer was offered by the entire Assembly in concert. Truly the Lord was present as the voices went up as the sound of many waters. Well, thank the Lord.

This was followed by a sermon by T. J. Milligan, text being found in Eph. 5:17, subject, The Will of God. Notes from the sermon: God's will is for us to repent and forsake sin; submitting to God's will relieves burdens; it is God's will for us to trust Him for the healing of our bodies when sick; it is God's will for us to submit to our superiors; it is God's will for us to pay tithes and give offerings. Brother Milligan closed his discourse by saying, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

Next was a short talk by Brother W. T. Carlile, in which he related a part of his experience. Brother Carlile's talk was inspiring. We were made to more fully understand what heaven would mean to us. This was followed by hand-shakes and greetings; thus the Assembly adjourned for lunch.

1:30 P. M. After a few songs, prayer was offered by Brother R. A. Fielden, after which the Overseer read for a lesson the 62nd Psalm, and commented on same, which was edifying. Short talks were given by Brothers Miller, Bragg, Akley and Willet. Brother Miller spoke of Jesus and the gospel, and impressed upon the ministers especially the importance of devoting full time to the ministry. Then Brother Bragg told us how necessary it was for us to pull together upon one foundation. His talk was to the point, and was very interesting. Brother Akley spoke of how God had led him into this world which were right to the

point. Will give a few of his remarks: The Church is all glorious within; saints must have the glory in their soul; the virgins are the companions of the Church. This was followed by great demonstrations of the Spirit, and a good altar service. Then we adjourned for lunch.

1:30 P. M. Songs were sung and prayer was offered by Sister Dame. The power fell in a wonderful way. Then came the sermon by Brother E. O. Sells, text Matt. 5:14 and John 1:6, subject, The Light of the World. Just before Brother Sells preached, he and his wife sang a song which was very impressive. His sermon surely was prompted by the Spirit of God, for he spoke with power, and made us feel the need of being connected up with the powerhouse in Heaven.

3:00 P. M. Sermon by Stanley Joplin, subject, Reason Why We Are Settled, text Psa. 119:11. Brother Joplin made plain the reason why we were settled, and that was because we have hidden God's Word in our hearts. Then a sermon was given by Brother Arthur Bixler, subject, How to Become a Christian. Notes from his sermon: To be a Christian is to be Christlike; to become a Christian, one must be born again; to become a Christian, one must have a change of heart, be sorry for sin, repent, renounce, confess and forsake sin; the reason the Church is suffering from the hand of the enemy is because she is bearing the marks of a Christian. Then we adjourned for supper.

6:30 P. M. Songs, prayers, and music by the band, then an offering for the band boys was taken which amounted to \$26.87. Next was a praise service, conducted by W. A. Summers. The power fell and great demonstrations followed. Sister Nona Dame then read from Luke's Gospel the 10th chapter, 1st and 2nd verses. Her subject was The Harvest. Notes: Human beings were compared to standing grain; in harvest time laborers are in demand; harvesting is a time of great anxiety. This discourse was very interesting indeed.

8 P. M. A sermon was rendered by W. T. Milligan, text being found in Eph. 6:14, subject, Rooted and Grounded in the Truth. Notes from the sermon: To be rooted and grounded we will be safe from the lions of this world; to be rooted and grounded we will save our children by making sacrifices as Abram did; to be rooted and grounded we will inherit the earth; to be rooted and grounded we will speak the truth and lie not. This was followed by a powerful altar service with many at the altar seeking the Lord.

Saturday 9:30 A. M. Songs were rendered, and prayer was offered by Brother Tony Ford, after which the Overseer read the 34th Psalm for a Scripture lesson, and gave us some good instructions on home government and order in God's house. Then he appointed a committee, on Sunday school interests, and one on state missions.

11 A. M. A sermon was rendered by Tony Ford, subject, Settled or Unsettled, Which? Notes from his sermon: I find in the Church all I need; except ye stay in the boat (Church) ye cannot be saved; where else can we go, Jesus the Head of the Church has the words of eternal life. Brother Ford stated that he loved his wife and not another. "I am settled and satisfied with her; just so am I with the Church of God." After this the Overseer asked all who felt that they were settled in the Church to stand. Every member stood and shouted praises to the Lord. Then Brother Trall made a few remarks which were right to the

point. Will give a few of his remarks: The Church is all glorious within; saints must have the glory in their soul; the virgins are the companions of the Church. This was followed by great demonstrations of the Spirit, and a good altar service. Then we adjourned for lunch.

2:45 P. M. Songs were sung and prayer was offered for the ensuing service, also for the sick. 3:00 P. M., sermon by John O. Yates, subject, Stick to the Doctrine. This was a soul stirring sermon, such as is commonly given by Brother Yates. 3:45 P. M., Sermon by Graham Oglesby, subject, Charity. Brother Oglesby's sermon was well given, was to the point, and was full of fire. Next was, what seemed to be the most important feature of the Assembly, the appointment of pastors. As their names were called they took their places on the platform. As they were assigned to their different places of work, anyone could see the satisfaction beaming out upon their faces. Speaking from a personal standpoint, I do not believe I can recall a time in the history of the Churches of Illinois when there was as great a spirit of submission as there was at this Assembly. Adjourned for supper.

6 P. M. Songs, prayer, and music by the band, after which an offering was made for Brother Rembert to be used for his moving expenses. A sermon was then delivered by Brother R. A. Fielden, subject, A Great Salvation, text, Heb. 2:3. Notes from sermon: This is a great salvation because it saves from all sin; because one knows when he receives it; because it clothes men in their right mind; because of its price; because of its extreme test; because it will give peace in the dying hour; because it is everlasting. Then followed a sermon by Floyd Harrawood, subject, Go Forward, text, Josh. 3:1-11. Brother Harrawood spoke of the importance of ministers bearing the ark of the covenant, the Word of God. When you see the ark or hear the Word of God, go forward after it. Space will not permit me to tell of the many good thoughts this brother conveyed to us, but it was said by many that surely the best was saved until the last.

The Overseer then arose and made a few closing remarks; and thus the Eighth Annual State Assembly of Illinois came to a close. The band played, and the people shook hands and bade one another goodbye, if to meet no more on earth, to meet in Heaven. The ministers and members left with a determination to come back next fall with more members, more Churches set in order, and more offerings for the various departments of the Church. Our love to all.

SENT A HANDKERCHIEF TO THE PRAYER-ROOM IN CLEVELAND

Dear Evangel Family:

I want to praise the Lord this morning for full and free salvation and for His blessings to us during this year. We have gone through some hard tests but have always found the Lord's grace sufficient in every trial.

Our baby boy had the hardest chills I ever saw any one have. We prayed but it seemed we could not get victory, so we sent a handkerchief to the prayer room at Cleveland and he was healed the day after we

THE COLONEL'S WORD WILL STAND

(Author unknown)

During my military service in India, in those stirring times of mutiny and murder, I had in my regiment a little bugler who was too weak and delicate for the life he had to lead; but he was born in the regiment, his father had been killed in action, and then his mother drooped and died. After his mother died his life was made miserable by the scoffing sneers and ribald jokes of the men, whose butt he was.

When little Willie Holt was fourteen years old, the regiment was bivouacking some miles from camp for rifle practice. I had intended leaving the lad behind, but my sergeant-major begged hard to "take him along." "There is mischief in the air, Colonel," he said; "and, rough as they treat the lad, his pluck and his patience tells on 'em for the boy is a saint, sir: he is, indeed."

I had a rough lot of recruits just then. Before we had been out a fortnight several acts of insubordination had been brought to my notice, and I had pledged to make an example of the very next offense by having the culprit flogged. One night targets were thrown down and otherwise mutilated. On investigation the act was traced to occupants of the very tent where Willie Holt was camped.

In vain I appealed to them to produce the man, and at last I said: "If any one of you who slept in number four tent last night will come forward and take his punishment like a man, the rest will go free: but if not there remains no alternative but to punish you all, each in turn to receive ten strokes of the cat."

For the space of a couple of minutes, dead silence followed then from the midst of the prisoners, where his slight form had been completely hidden, Willie Holt came forward.

"Colonel," said he, "you have passed your word that if any one of those who slept in number four tent last night comes forward to take his punishment, the rest shall get off free. I am ready, sir; please may I take it now?"

For a moment I was speechless, so utterly was I taken by surprise; then, in a fury of anger and disgust, I turned upon the prisoners: "Is there no man among you worthy of the name? Are you all cowards enough to let this lad suffer for your sins? For that he is guiltless you know as well as I." But sullen and silent they stood, with never a word.

Then I turned to the boy whose pleading eyes were fixed on me, and never in all my life have I found myself so painfully situated. I knew my word must stand, and the lad knew it, too.

sent it, for which we give God the glory.

I certainly enjoy reading about the great Assembly, especially Brother Ellis' piece on "Home Coming." Praise God, by His help I intend to be at the great "Home Coming" in the skies. Pray for me.

A sister in Christ
Mrs. Miller,
Cleveland, Miss.

as he repeated, "I am ready, sir."

Sick at heart, I gave the order, and he was led away for punishment. Bravely he stood with bared back, as one, two, three strokes descended. At the fourth a faint moan escaped his white lips; but ere the fifth fell a hoarse cry burst from the crowd of prisoners who had been forced to witness the scene, and with one bound Jim Sykes, the black sheep of the regiment, seized the cat, as

with choking utterance he shouted; "Stop it, Colonel, stop it, and tie me up instead. He never did it, but I did"; and with convulsed and anguished face he flung his arms around the boy.

Fainting and almost speechless, Willie lifted his eyes to the man's face and smiled -- such a smile! "No Jim," he whispered, "you are safe now, the Colonel's word will stand."

Then his head fell forward; he had fainted.

The next day I visited the hospital tent where the boy lay dying. The shock had been too much for his feeble strength. He lay propped up on the pillows; and at his side, half kneeling, half crouching, was Jim Sykes. I saw the drops of sweat standing on his brow as he muttered brokenly: "Why did ye do it lad? Why did ye do it?"

"Because I wanted to take it for you, Jim," Willie's weak voice answered tenderly. "I thought it might help you to understand why Christ died for you."

"Christ died for me?" the man repeated.

"Yes, He died for you because He loved you. I love you, Jim, but Christ loves you much more. I only suffered for one sin, but Christ took the punishment for all the sins you have ever committed. The penalty was death, Jim, and Christ died for you."

"Christ has naught to do with such as me lad; I'm one of the bad'uns; you ought to know."

"But He died to save bad ones," answered Willie. "After you have sinned against Him He loved you so much that He came all the way from Heaven, and suffered and died in your place, and now He is calling you. He wants to cleanse you from every stain of sin and make you fit for His presence. He wants you to live with Him in glory. He was wounded for your transgressions. He was bruised for your iniquities, the chastisement of your peace was upon Him. How can you resist such love as that?"

"He says: 'He that heareth my word and believeth him that sent me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but is passed from death unto life.' Won't you receive Him now?"

The lad's voice failed him, but he laid his hand gently on the man's bowed head.

After a little while we saw a strange light in his dying eyes, and with a happy cry he flung out his hands as if in welcome. Then gradually the weak arms dropped; the light faded from the shining eyes; and his spirit passed over from earth to Heaven.

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help us make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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EDITORIAL

We are very sorry to discontinue quite a number of subscribers to the Church of God Evangel who have failed to renew their subscription. We hope that our friends will remember that this matter is under government regulation and that we are unable to send their paper if they fail to renew. We especially invite them to continue their relations with us by sending their renewal, at the special price of \$1.00 per year. This offer will be good until Jan. 1st.

On account of the great number of subscriptions and renewals coming in during the months of October and November, our subscription clerks have been way behind with their work, also hindered on the account of being delayed in receiving a supply of stencils. This is now overcome and they are almost caught up with their work, and we hope those whose papers have been delayed on this account will over-look this, and remember that we are putting forth our best effort to serve our people in the most satisfactory way.

We are delighted with the many encouraging letters that we are receiving from friends, expressing their appreciation of the Church of God Evangel, and to know that it is proving a blessing to thousands of precious souls. While this is sweet to us, yet there are a few letters now and then that criticize us very severely; thus mixing a portion of the bitter with the sweet makes it all really delicious. We are encouraged to move on and stand by the principles of truth and justice, until God shall call us to our reward. We most earnestly covet the prayers and hearty cooperation of all our members and friends in the great work of publishing the noble principles of the Church of God to the nations of the earth.

REPORT

Thank God for victory in my soul today. I just came home from one of the best state assemblies I ever was in. God surely is with us in Illinois. Brother Raten from Alabama, held a meeting in Harrisburg, where the Lord blessed in a wonderful way. I don't know just how many received full salvation, but there were thirteen who came into the Church, and seven were baptized in water. Writes Jerry Miller, Harrisburg, Ill.

Special Notice MINISTERIAL LICENSE

According to an act of a previous Assembly, all evangelist license shall be renewed at the beginning of each year. I therefore call your attention to this, and request that you send in your 1923 license at once and receive 1924 license.

Place your address on back side of your license so the secretary may know to what place to return them.

Send them direct to E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary.
F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

On the account of the extensive circulation of literature by our opposers, it seems that we have been forced to make some explanations through the columns of the Evangel to protect and defend the interest of the Church. It has indeed been very painful to us, but we have felt that the critical circumstances with which we have been surrounded, together with the general interest and

BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

Local and by Correspondence

J. B. ELLIS, Superintendent

LETTER FROM A BIBLE SCHOOL STUDENT

Dear Brother Llewellyn, and All the Saints Scattered Abroad—

Greetings: I am a young man 23 years of age. I have been saved for three years, and am sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

A short time after I was sanctified, I came into the Church of God, and felt that I was called into the ministry. For some time I wanted to know more about the Bible, so I had the grand opportunity of attending the Bible School last year for two and one half months.

I esteem it a great privilege to be where you can study God's Word. I think it very necessary during these perilous times, to qualify ourselves to fight against the enemy, for he is abroad in the land, seeking whom he may devour. The Bible says, that day (the coming of Jesus) will not come except there come a falling away first; and that time is surely upon us now. It behooves us as Christians, to be like Jesus was when He was questioning with the doctors and lawyers in Jerusalem, and told Joseph and Mary that He must be about His Father's business. We must be up and about our Father's business today.

Paul, in writing to Timothy, exhorted him to study to show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth. So I am in school again this year, and surely am trying to learn all I can about the Bible. We certainly do like our teacher, Brother J. B. Ellis. He is a good teacher, and a good man. I am going through the school this time if I possibly can, for I surely do want to prepare to be a soul winner for Jesus. Praise His dear name. I want to stay humble at Jesus' feet. We must humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, and He will exalt us in due time.

I want all the saints to pray that I may ever stay in the center of God's will and be ready to do just what He would have me do at all times.

H. C. Pannell.

Bible Correspondence School

Dear Superintendent:

I am sending you the last lesson of the Correspondence Course. I cannot tell you how much I have appreciated these Bible lessons.

I almost regret the course is finished, I have enjoyed the study of the lessons so much. Sometimes I grew cold in my experience but as I studied my Bible lessons I felt the love of God burning in my soul.

God has called me to work for Him and pray that the way will be open for me to go soon.

A student.

Questions of the Students, answered by F. J. Lee.

Question. Please explain why Jesus said, "And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. John 3:13, when Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven, 2 Kings 2:11.

Answer. Jesus was trying to teach Nicodemus, but asked him how he expected to understand heavenly things, or believe, if he couldn't believe about earthly things. He also gave him to understand that He (Jesus) was all the one that could teach about things of heaven as He was the only one that had ever descended. "No one hath ascended to heaven," that is to bring down these things but Jesus.

Question. Why did Paul say in Acts 9:7 that the men which journeyed with him stood speechless hearing a voice, but seeing no man, when he said again in Acts 22:9, "but they heard not the voice of Him that

spake to him?"

Answer. Him that spake in words. They heard a noise and saw no man, but heard not the voice in articulated language. Paul or Saul heard it in words.

Question. When are we added to the Church?

Answer. Acts 2:47 says God added to the Church daily such as should be saved. The Syriac Version says, "those who became alive."

The Revised Version says, "added day by day those that are saved." The thought is that only those who were saved were added to the Church, saved first, then added to the Church.

Question. Explain first Peter 3:19, 20. Who were the spirits in prison and where were they?

Answer. The spirits referred to here in prison were the Antediluvian people, or people who lived before the flood. They were in the place of departed spirits before the resurrection of Jesus. Some were on one side of the gulf referred to in Luke 16:26, and some were on the other side.

Question. What is sin against the Holy Ghost?

Answer. This is attributing the works of God to Satan, as the Jews did in saying that Jesus cast out devils by Beelzebub, the prince of devils, also accounting the blood of Jesus an unholy thing, virtually saying it is the work of the devil. But blasphemy must come from the heart, or it is not blasphemy.

Question. Do you suppose that the author of the book of Job was present at the conversation, if not, how were those words of debate gotten together?

Answer. Who ever wrote the book of Job was inspired and didn't need to be there. The book was written in Hebrew as other inspired Scriptures.

LLOYD GEORGE KNEW ALL ABOUT MARY JONES

When a committee from the American Bible Society presented Lloyd George with a Welsh Bible just before he sailed for England last week, the Ex-Prime Minister of Great Britain interrupted Dr. Haven's presentation speech by saying, "I have known all my life about Mary Jones, the little Welsh girl, and her long journey in quest of a Bible which resulted in the organization of the first Bible Society in the world. It is one of the most beautiful stories I know."

The presentation took place on board the Majestic. The members of the committee were President Churchill, H. Cutting, Vice Presidents E. Francis Hyde and G. S. McKenzie, and General Secretaries William I. Haven and Frank H. Mann.

Dr. Haven, in presenting the Bible, which was printed in New York, said:

"One hundred and twenty years ago a little Welsh girl, by the name of Mary Jones, which you will probably recognize as a Welsh name, walked bare-foot over the hills from her home to the nearest minister twenty-five miles away because of her great desire to own a copy of the Holy Scriptures. When she was told that the minister had none for her she burst into tears which caused him to give her from his cupboard one that had been promised to a friend, and she went home rejoicing.

"Turning it over in his mind he decided to go at once to London. There he gathered a few friends together and told them the story and a committee was formed to see that all such persons in Wales and in the British Isles should have copies of the Bible. Someone in the meeting uttered the significant words 'If for Wales, why not for the World?'

"You, yourself, sir, if I may be allowed to say it, are a living witness to the fact that 'What

is good for Wales is good for the World.'

"From the simple act of that little girl has sprung all the Bible Societies of the world which are sending out among all nations in over five hundred languages and dialects twenty millions of copies of the Scriptures every year.

"We felt that we could not let you go home without giving you a Welsh Bible, published by the American Bible Society for the Welsh Churches and congregations in the United States. There are no people in this country more loyal to the Bible than the Welsh. We know that you stand for the Bible as the cure of the ills of the world. We wish you God-speed!"

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ARE WE KEEPING THE FAITH

J. R. Thomas

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Acts 2:17.

Truly we can say that we are in the evening of time. We see, according to God's Word, that we are nearing the time when the signs shall appear in the heavens. God said in His Word that there would be a great outpouring of the Spirit before these great wonders would take place; so we see it has come, just as He has said. There have been thousands swept through to the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking with other tongues, as at Pentecost. Surely we can see that we are near the time when Jesus will come after His Bride. He said for us to be ready, for in an hour that we think not the Son of man would come. Friends, it will pay us to take Jesus at His Word and watch and pray.

Further, He said to pray always that we may be accounted worthy to escape all these things which shall come to pass. If there ever was a time when the children of God should stay humble before Him, surely it is now. We find that some have departed from the faith, which is according to the word of God. One has to have the faith before he can depart from it. If we want to be one of those who have faith when Jesus returns to earth, we will be compelled to keep it at all times; for if we fail at any time, He may call for His Bride and we would fail to be ready for the marriage. It is necessary for us to live so that we can say with Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." So we see that the main thing in this race is to keep the faith.

While some are departing from the faith, there are some who are standing firm and true. Thank God. Some who have been esteemed as some of the best of our number have allowed a seducing spirit to get control of them, and cause them to do and say things that they never thought of saying before.

The devil is after the best people, as well as those who are not trying to serve God at all. Some are giving up to him and are being led by his seducing spirit, and are trying to get others to follow them. What is the cause of this? We are in the last days when people are departing from the faith.

However, if we are close enough to the Lord, we can tell these seducing spirits from the real Spirit of God; but if we are in a lukewarm state, it will be hard for us to tell a seducing spirit from the real Spirit of God.

Paul spoke of false prophets trying to appear as apostles of Christ, which proves to us that Satan will appear in many different ways; so let us take Paul's advice and keep on the whole armour of God that we may be able to stand. Now is no time for us to be in a luke-

warm state, but we need the fullness of the blessing of God, in order that we may be able to try the spirits and see if they are of God.

So friends, let us be careful who we follow, or what we follow, and at all times manifest the Spirit of Jesus.

THE EFFECT OF TRUTH

L. C. Baccus

The worth of truth no tongue can tell,
Twill do to buy but not to sell;
A large estate that soul has got,
Which buys the truth and sells it not.

Truth like a diamond shines most fair,
Worth more than pearls and rubies are;
More rich than gold or silver fine,
May it always upon us shine.

Tis truth that binds and truth makes free,
And sets the soul at liberty;
From sin and Satan's heavy chain,
And then within the heart doth reign.

O happy they who in their youth,
Are brought to know and love the truth;
For none but those whom truth makes free
Can ever enjoy true liberty.

Truth like a girdle let us wear,
And always keep it clean and fair;
And never let it once be told,
That truth by us was ever sold.

When Satan comes to tempt our minds,
We'll meet him with these blessed lines;
Since Christ the Lord has won the field,
We are determined not to yield.

MY BIRTHRIGHT

James E. Ward

Conviction that reaches clear down to the bottom of my soul; repentance that reaches clear out to the suburbs of my being; a faith that reaches clear up to heaven; justification for all my guilt and condemnation; sanctification for all my impurities; glorification for all my infirmities; and a heaven filled with the pure and good, where Jesus Christ reigns supreme, to enjoy forevermore.

Oh glory. Isn't it grand? Saved from all sin for all time to come; sanctified through His blood; and baptized with the sweet Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues. (Acts 2:4.) Beloved, this will put a sunshine on our faces when the world is on fire. The ungodly will cry for the rocks and mountains to fall upon them and hide them from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne when they see what they have missed.

If the dear Lord doesn't want me to graze in His pasture, He will have to keep the gate shut, for when He goes off and comes back, He will find me in clover and bluegrass up to my eyes, looking through the clover blossoms, smiling at Him as He comes in. And He will find me sleek and fat, with honey dew all over my soul, eating clover, and reading my title clear to mansions in the sky. I am happiest of the happy and fullest of the full. Praise our God.

REPORT

The Lord has been wonderfully blessing here. I held a few days meeting, and the Lord began to work. The saints just melted down in love and unity until it was wonderful to see and hear them shouting, and expressing their love one for another. Anyone could tell that it came from their hearts. There were two saved and sanctified, and two others received the Holy Ghost. To Him be all the glory. Writes C. F. Hollingsworth, Kentwood, La.

IN MEMORY OF

WALKER

The death angel visited Brother Thomas Walker's home the 29th of Nov. and called his dear wife away, leaving a husband and three children to mourn her loss. She surely had the blessing of full salvation. She always gave such good testimonies, and will be greatly missed in our midst. We have no doubt that Sister Walker has gone to rest. We prayed for her during her illness, and all was done that loving hands could do, but Jesus said for her to come home to Him.

A friend and brother in Christ,

J. H. Euhart,
R. 1, Persia, Tenn.

GOINS

The death angel visited the home of our dear brother, George W. Goins, on Nov. 28, 1923, and removed him from this low ground of sorrow to a better land above. He was a good religious man and lived his profession, and died in full triumph of a living faith. Brother George was 72 years of age. He leaves to mourn his loss, a number of relatives and friends. We hope to meet him some sweet day where parting will be no more. Let each of us live so that when our summons comes we can say "Thy will be done."

His pastor,
J. W. Nelson,
Soddy, Tenn.

PHILLIPS

On Nov. 7, 1923, the dear Lord saw fit to call our little darling Ellene, home to be with Him, age 5 years, 4 months, and 23 days. She was ill only 12 days. We hardly realized that death was so near. We wrote to Brother Lee for prayer. The saints at Zolfo gathered and prayed several times. She did not seem to suffer much at the last. The morning she was taken sick, she called me to the bed and seemed to be in a deep study. She said, "Mama, where is the good Lord?" I said, "In Heaven." She said, "Is He fixing that pretty place for me?" I said, "Yes." She said, "I want to go now." I had always taught her to be good and to love the Lord, and that He was preparing a pretty place to take us to.

We weep not as those who have no hope, for we know she is safe in that heavenly home. She always loved to go to Sunday school and preaching. She

begged to go to prayer meeting Sunday night, but was too weak to be taken out. We trusted the Lord until the end, and she sweetly fell asleep to awake on that great resurrection morn. She left to mourn her departure a father, mother, two sisters and many relatives.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother Arnate Brantley, and her little body was laid in the Friendship Cemetery, near Zolfo Springs. And the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. 1 Thes. 4:16-18.

Thou art gone from us our precious darling,
Never more on earth thy face we'll see;
But we hope to meet in Heaven,
From all grief and sorrow free.

Her father and mother,
J. W. and Loye Phillips,
Zolfo, Fla.

BENNETT

Mrs. Ethel Bennett was born Dec. 30, 1904, and departed this life Nov. 18, 1923. She was sick only three weeks. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shaw of Clara, Fla., and was married to Mr. A. H. Bennett of Carbur, Fla., Feb. 20, 1921. She left one little darling babe in care of her father and mother. She has left to mourn, a husband, father, mother, three sisters and one brother; but we weep not as those who have no hope. We expect to meet dear Ethel on that bright celestial shore, where there will be no more sad partings and no more goodbyes.

She left a bright testimony, and tried to sing, "I have another building not made with hands," which were her last words. It is lonely here without dear Ethel. Her sweet smiles we never can see on this earth again.

Dear mama, oh dear mama,
Your love was warm and true;
Cast your cares on Jesus
Until He calls for you.

Her mother,
Ellen Shaw,
Clara, Fla.

ALLISON

On Sept. 30, 1923, the death angel visited our home and took from us our loving mother, Martha Ellen Allison. It was so

sad to give up mother, but we grieve not as those who have no hope, for we know that our loss is heaven's gain. She had been a sufferer from high blood pressure for many years, also from acute indigestion, and has been too feeble to leave her home to attend church or even to visit her neighbors. She was 72 years, 7 months and 19 days old at the time of her death. She died with apoplexy. As she came out of her kitchen on the evening of the 28th of September, she washed her hands, turned around with such a distressing look in her eyes, but not a word could she speak. She lay speechless and unconscious for 36 hours and did not so much as open her eyes. The day she was struck she spoke of dying so often, and said she would not be with us but just a little while longer, and that she was ready to die.

Mother joined the Baptist Church when 14 years of age, and lived a true member until her death. She was a believer in holiness, but never did receive the baptism. She was the daughter of Joe and Margaret Trummell. She was born and reared at Rosebloom, Miss., near Shady Grove and Cascilla, Miss. In September, 1922, while Brother M. S. Lemons was holding a meeting at Shady Grove, she planned to attend and did. She often spoke of how she enjoyed the meeting, and also enjoyed visiting her old acquaintances and school mates. She viewed the places where she played and romped when she was a girl. This was the last trip she ever took.

This dear mother leaves to mourn her loss, three sons, three daughters, thirty-two grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, one sister and many friends. May they all meet her on the other shore where parting will be no more. Won't that be a happy meeting, won't that be a joyful greeting; there to live with Jesus in His bright kingdom?

Sleep on, dear mother and take thy rest,
God taketh thee, He loveth thee best.

Her remains were laid to rest in the Needmore Cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Lesley Lay, our district overseer.

Her daughter,
Dora Allison,
Tippo, Miss.

MOTON

On Saturday, Oct. 6, 1923, the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nealy Moton, and claimed for his own their precious baby, Alene, age two years and eight months. She was a sweet little girl and was loved by every one. She being the only child of the family, it was so hard to give her up. Twill be so lonely now without her sweet smiling face.

Though she is gone, she is not forgotten,
Never will her memory fade;
Loving hearts will always linger
Around the grave where she was laid.

Her face was like the sunshine,
Ever displaying a smile;
She left us, oh so lonely,
We miss her all the while.

God took her home to Heaven,
He claimed her for His own;
She is free from all life's sorrows,
No more in sin to roam.

We hope some day to meet her;
We'll await the boatman's call;
To bear us over the river,
Where a shadow never falls.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother A. L. Jenkins, and her little body was laid to rest in the Higden Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus. The bereaved ones have our sincere sympathy.

One who loved her,
Mrs. Ione Allison,
Higden, Ark.

HILL

A child is a rosebud from the garden of God, given to us to love and care for until He takes them unto Himself again.

On Jan. 9, 1923, a tiny bud came into the home of Brother and Sister Hill, and no doubt as they watched his little life flourish here, they often thought

of the future when Joseph Marion would be useful in the work of the Lord.

But it was not to be, for the hand of disease came upon him two weeks ago, and despite all their loving and tender care, God saw fit to take him from his loved ones and transplant him in Paradise. We know he is safe in the celestial city, there to dwell with the blessed Savior forevermore.

Joseph Marion departed this life on Nov. 7, at the tender age of 9 months and 29 days. Funeral service was conducted at the Church of God Tabernacle by the pastor, Brother Graham Oglesby, on Nov. 9; and the body was laid to rest in Haven Hill Cemetery by the side of his little brother who had preceded him. He leaves to mourn, his loving parents, two sisters, three brothers, grandparents and many other relatives.

Another little lamb has gone, To dwell with Him who gave; Another little darling babe, Lies sheltered in the grave.

God needed one more angel child,

Amid His shining band;
And so He bent with loving smile,
And clasped this darling's hand.

A Sister in Christ,
Mrs. Hattie Utz,
Olney, Ill.

NOTICES

My address is changed from Orlando to Jacksonville, Fla., 2304 Florida Avenue.

E. W. Williams.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of Hease Wilkey, please write me at once. He has been gone for about eight years, and I am anxious to find him.

His sister,
Pearl Henderson,
Box 191, Ravens Croft, Tenn.

I want to say to all the people in Maryland and Pennsylvania, who are interested in any way about the Church of God, to please feel free to write me. H. W. Poteat, state overseer of Pa. and Md., Marion, N. C. R. 1, Box 15.

Good Opening in Gainesville, Ga.

I would like to say that Sister May Brooksher's home in Gainesville, Ga., is open at any time for Church of God people to hold meetings. Anyone passing through who would like to stop to hold one or more services, just drop her a card, and she will announce the meeting before you arrive. This is a good opening in a cotton-mill town. H. W. Poteat.

To All the Evangel Readers:
The Church at Johnston City, Ill., wishes to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members: Anthony Roach, Mahala Roach, Robert Warren, Carrie Warren. These names will be dropped from the roll for non-attendance and disassociation with the Church if not heard from before next conference.

Webb McAnalley, clerk,
1001 Burgess St.,
Johnston City, Ill.

A MARVELOUS CHILD

Dear Brother, Editor of The Evangel—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I write this for the glory of God. In March, 1923, I was in Akron, Ohio, holding a meeting in the Church of God. In that meeting I saw a little child, whose name was Harold Phillips. This child appealed to me very much, as it seems that God has planted something in his little heart which is a mystery to the world, and is almost beyond understanding.

At the District Convention of July 6, 7, 8, 1923, held in Akron, I still found the mystery in the child, as deep if not deeper, than before. He is only six years of age, and has never been to school. Long before he reached this age, he wanted to read. He insisted on knowing words that he would see here and there, and as he would see them he would learn to spell them. By his parents answering his questions and trying to satisfy the child's curiosity, Harold became a very famous little reader and speller.

His favorite book is the Bible. I put it off until Monday, and

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He talks of the events of the old prophets. When he plays with other children he doesn't enjoy himself unless they play on the following plan, taken from the Bible: He will be Daniel and the other children will be lions; God will shut their mouths and they cannot bite him. He will then make a cross on which he is to be crucified, and such like.

Harold's ambition is to be a Church of God preacher. He doesn't only read the Bible, but he always takes time to search the daily newspaper, and reads the events of the day. His parents take him to the Church of God meetings in Akron, where his father, Brother D. G. Phillips, is clerk of the church. Harold never fails to grasp the thought of the pastor's sermon, and always speaks of different points which were brought out. He enjoys hearing different preachers, and always remembers their texts. He is patiently waiting the time to come when, he too, may become a minister of the Gospel.

These statements are true. I had the pleasure of being in the home of his parents where the child read and spelled for me in a marvelous way.

Mrs. Bertha Weaver.

CALLED BACK TO GOD BY AN OAK BUSH

Dear Evangel Readers Everywhere:

I want to praise God through the little Evangel for this great plan of salvation. I was a backslider, and was called back to God by an oak bush, almost a year ago. One day as I was in my back yard washing, there came a whirlwind and it scared me. God had been striving with me for some time, but I kept putting Him off.

I said to myself, "What does all this mean?" The wind came down a little path by the barn. I began to get my children in the house and shut the doors, and there was a burden fell upon me. It seemed as though if I didn't go back out in the yard I would die, so I went back outside. I looked toward the west and behold there was an oak bush blowing toward me. I said, "I wonder what that means," and the bush said, "come, come, come." I could feel no better until I said "Yes Lord, I will" by your help. But

I put it off until Monday, and

REQUESTS

Mary Powers, Dillon, S. C., requests all the saints to pray that she may receive the Holy Ghost, also that her husband may be saved and healed.

Ernest L. Hodge, Parrott, Va., is afflicted and requests prayer for the healing of his body, also that he may be a worker for the Lord. He was called out in the Lord's work. Pray that God will lead him and keep him true and humble.

Florence Roby, Altavista, Va., requests prayer that some one will go there and hold a meeting until the bands of the enemy at that place are broken. She also wishes some sister to write her a few lines in way of encouragement.

Jessie Dixon, Gasparilla, Fla., requests that some one go there with a tent to hold services for the saints there, as they have no place in which to worship. They have no preacher, and this would be a good chance for some one who is on the field with a tent. She also requests prayer that she will be able to stand true through every test.

Christmas Gifts

When you begin to consider purchasing your Christmas gifts don't forget our nice line of teacher's Bibles, Testaments, other books and booklets, and velvet wall mottoes. Attractive prices. Write us for particulars.

OUR BOOKS

Book of Prophecy by F. J. Lee,	\$1.25
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There are other books for sale too numerous to mention.

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TESTIMONIES

"YE ARE MY WITNESSES"

I want to praise God this morning for what He is to me. He has saved, sanctified and given me the Holy Ghost. I have many trials and temptations, but Jesus helps me to overcome. Praise His name!

I want to be found ready when Jesus comes.

Josie Weil,
Williston, Fla.

I am thankful for the Lord's goodness to me, and for what He is to me day by day. God hears my prayers for He surely answers them. Praise God for ever saving me. Eleven years ago He saved me and gave me the Holy Ghost, and I spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Pray for me, also pray that my husband may be saved.

Mrs. Edna Prescott,
Nocatee, Fla.

I am glad of the Word of God and the plan of salvation. God, through His love and mercy, saved my soul about ten years ago; sanctified me through the blood, and gave me the blessed Holy Ghost. Of course I spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. I was later added to the great Church of God.

I am thanking God for the great gospel light that is now shining. I am glad we are in a church whose government is according to the Word of God. I am more delighted with the Church and its teachings all the time. The more I know of God and His Word, the more I love His Church.

Mrs. Bertha Martin,
Harlan, Ky.

I want to praise God for full and free salvation that keeps me from sin each day.

Just a little over a year ago, He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. Bless His sweet name!

I have many trials and temptations, but by the grace of God I am going through, regardless of the cost. This way grows brighter to me all the while.

I want to praise Him for His healing power. He has healed me several times during the summer, also my wife and children. Praise God! He is my all in all. He is my safeguard in time of storm. He is the author and finisher of our faith.

We are in need of more humbleness. We need to go down before God in continual prayer for lost souls. Pray that God will use me for His own glory. I want to be a bright shining light for Jesus, who has done so much for me.

M. F. Raney,
Jesup, Ark.

I want to praise God for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost; also for adding me to the dear old Church of God, and I am there to stay. Praise God for the way.

I want to praise God for His healing power. Sunday morning I had an awful headache, and it seemed as if I couldn't stand it much longer. I sent for the saints to come and pray for me, and the Lord healed me instantly. Bless His sweet name. So many times He has healed my body.

All the saints pray for me that I may humble myself at the feet of Jesus, so He can get glory out of my life.

Cleveland McFarland,
Winter Garden, Fla.

I want to sound a note of praise this evening, for my blessed Master, who died for us all. I praise God for full and free salvation that keeps us every day.

It has been nearly a year since I testified through the paper, which is the only way I have to testify, as I live in the country where there is no Church of God: so you see I get hungry to be with some of the Church of God people, and in meetings.

The way grows brighter and brighter every day; and by the help of the Lord, I expect to live what I profess. I am praying

for the Lord to send a Church of God preacher here to preach the full gospel.

I have a great many temptations but the Lord is with me. I want everyone to pray that my loved ones will see the light on the Church of God. Also pray for me to stay humble at Jesus feet. Pray for my aunt to be healed.

Emma Cockrell,
Magee, Miss.

I am still praising God for a full and free salvation, and for the precious Holy Ghost that still abides. Bless His name! I want to do more for my blessed Saviour every day. He has done so much for me.

I thank God for healing me and my family. He is the best friend we have. Praise Him!

Dear saints, I wish to tell what the dear Lord has done here. He sent a minister to us that stood on the Word of God. He preached the truth to the people, many of whom believed and were saved.

I praise God for His blessings each day, and especially for His healing power. He healed my daughter when two doctors had given her up. We trusted the Lord alone. It is wonderful what He can do for us.

Pray that God will continue to bless at this place.

Mrs. O. West,
Dart, O.

I am praising the Lord for the Holy Ghost that abides in my soul. We had a wonderful revival at our church (Kinser Tabernacle).

I am only nine years old, but the Lord has been so good to me. He has healed me of fever. On Wednesday after we were baptized I was taken very sick with typhoid fever, but the elders and saints came and prayed for me until I was healed. I only stayed in bed ten days. It was just wonderful how all the suffering and fever left me at once; and I knew I was healed. Praise the Lord for the healing power.

I never have taken a dose of medicine in my life. The Lord has always healed me, and I am so glad of it. I mean to go on and serve Him the best I can. Everyone pray for me that I may stay humble and hold out faithful till the end.

Lillian Osment,
Cleveland, Tenn.

I feel the "go ye" in my soul this morning. Thought I would write a few lines as the Pentecostal fire is burning in my heart today.

I am glad to say that God has been merciful enough to save my soul, baptize me with the Holy Ghost, and fill me with such great love that it is my heart's desire to tell the lost and dying world about His mighty power to save.

What Jesus can do for those who trust Him is wonderful. How the Lord has helped me through sickness and death. I was sick, and one of my daughters was real low when the death angel came and took my father. I just kept my eyes on Jesus, the one who can heal all manner of diseases. He healed me, after much prayer, and lifted me up. Everybody seemed to think I was going to die, as I was in a terrible condition, but I felt in my soul that God was going to heal me. I am now up and ready to praise Him. Bless His holy name. I feel more like going on with Jesus than ever before.

Dear saints, now is the time to work for the Lord, as I feel that He is coming soon. We can see the signs appearing of His blessed coming. Look! Behold!

Now the fig leaves are green. We are truly living in the evening time, when the prophecies have almost been fulfilled. The Church is returning to apostolic faith and doctrine, Mark 16, 17, 18 also Matt. 24.

Soon He'll come to gather up His Bride. Will you be one of the number? Remember me in

your prayers, that I will be a soul winner for the Lord.

Mrs. H. J. French,
Trinity, Tex.

I want to sound a note of praise through the Evangel this morning, for what Jesus is to me. Bless His name.

I want to thank Him for salvation; for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the blessed Holy Ghost. He is so sweet to me.

I praise him for His keeping power; for giving me grace to overcome the trials of this life. Oh! I do love Jesus this morning above everything. I thank God for the persecutions. Instead of them driving me away from God, they draw me closer to Him.

As a brother said the other night, every kick the enemy gives me is a boost. The harder he comes against me, the harder I pray; and the more I pray, the better I feel, and the closer I draw to God. I feel as though there is a work for me to do. I want to always be found doing my blessed Savior's will.

The little Evangel is real food to my soul; and the blessed Word gets sweeter to me each day. When I am all alone, I begin to read God's Word, and it seems at times He just opens up the windows of heaven into my soul. Thank God! I want all who may read this to hold me up in your prayers that God will get glory out of my life.

Rhoda Davis,
Glasgow, W. Va.

TESTIMONY OF A LITTLE GIRL
To The Evangel Readers—
Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I am glad that I can say I am one of God's little children today. I am saved from sin, sanctified through the cleansing blood, and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

I am a little girl eleven years of age. I received the Holy Ghost the third Sunday in August. My mother is saved and sanctified, and I desire the prayers of God's children for her family, that they may be saved. Also pray that they may receive the Holy Ghost.

Your little sister in Christ,
Dovie McMoat,
Davisboro, Ga.

Jesus' Zeal to God's Glory
Bertha G. Shideler

In St. John the fourth chapter we read the great story of Jesus and the woman of Samaria. Here Jesus shows His zeal for God's Glory. Hallelujah to His name!

He was on His journey from Judea into Galilee, and it was very necessary that He go through Samaria. This beautiful little city is thirty miles north of Jerusalem, which is surrounded by hills, sitting in a wide basin shaped valley, six miles in diameter.

Get upon your minds, if you will, the picture of this restful little place. Judea was sometimes extended to the whole country of the Canaanites, its ancient inhabitants.

The Sea of Galilee, has, in the northwestern angle of it, a beautiful and fertile plain called Gennesaret. Our Lord spent most of His public life in the environs of this sea.

Each of us, as a representation of Judea, should go to Jerusalem by the way of Samaria, the hilly way, and the way of the cross, which is a hilly and stony path; but we can seek the lost and point them to the River of Life as Jesus did the woman at the well. Then when we reach the restful place (Galilee) as Jesus did, we shall have sweet comfort and rest. I can imagine Jesus, wearied from his journey, as He draws nearer and nearer to Jacob's well and at the same time His heart yearning to have all those who know Him not, to believe on Him.

In the Scriptures we read in many places where Jesus went away to some place of quietude, where He meditated and prayed to the Father that He might know His will; just as we should do. Be still and wait before the Lord, that we may be ready for service at all times, and that our influence for good and right may

be wielded over the unsaved, and you will suffer irreparable

loss. If it does it will be as gold, silver and precious stones; and will abide forever.

The King's Bank

Why not lay up some treasures in a bank where moth and rust doth not corrupt nor thieves break through and steal; but will be bearing interest ten million years from now. Be wise enough to look beyond the casket and have a store against that day when the King will say, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto me, to one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto me."

A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE

W. E. Creekmore

Dear Brother Lee and Evangel Family—Greetings in the Name of Jesus:

This morning, the Lord has laid upon my heart to write to you, confess my unfaithfulness, and tell of the new hope and sweet peace He has given me, since I said yes to His will.

About three years ago, the Lord found me, as vile a sinner as could be. The chains of Satan, which hanged about me, were many. My resolutions to be a better man, were broken over and over. When I would do good, evil was ever present. I always felt we must live a life free from sin, but did not understand we must do it through the supernatural power of God. However, God's ways are not our ways.

At that time my wife belonged to the Salvation Army, but space will not permit. Pray for me that I will know more of God.

VARIOUS THEMES

Earl A. Cripps

Grace vs. Law

Moses, because of the hardness of the people's hearts, gave many commandments that were not always so, nor always intended to be. If he says, "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth" and Jesus says, "Love your enemies,"—obey Jesus. If the Law says, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," and Paul says, "If a man regardeth one day above another it is unto the Lord, and if he regardeth every day alike it is unto the Lord,—obey Paul. To, "stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free and be not entangled again, with the yoke of bondage" is the hardest thing we have to do these days.

The Root of All Evil

If the love of money is the root of all evil, the quicker we get after the root, the quicker we get rid of the evil. George Mueller has been about the only man in the last one hundred years, whom God could trust with money. Most people would use it for joy riding or a Fifth Ave. Mansion.

The Great Physician

The great physician never refuses to heal anyone. There is a royal prescription in Jas. 5:14, 15, that is a cure-all. Every thought or imagination that exalts itself against it is going to be brought into captivity. The mighty Counselor never lost a case. He stands before the throne, shows His bleeding hands and points to His wounded side and every client goes free.

Wedding Garments

Wedding garments will be needed by those attending the marriage supper of the Lamb. All guests unprovided for will be bound and cast into outer darkness, where there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Oil

Those expecting to shine as the brightness of the firmament and the stars forever, will need oil in their lamps. The Bridegroom will come as a thief in the night, in the twinkling of an eye, as a flash of lightning lighteth up the heavens or as sudden as an earthquake. Only the wise virgins will go in with Him to the marriage and the door will be shut.

Building and Contracting

Take heed as to what you build on the rock, Christ Jesus. If it does not correspond with the sermon on the mount it will be burned as wood, hay and stubble in the judgment day fire, and you will suffer irreparable

light on the baptism of the Holy Ghost and I began to seek for same. One Sunday about 3 o'clock, I began to praise the Lord, and continued till the Holy Ghost came. I was surely hungry and was determined to tarry until He came. When He came He spoke for Himself. Glory to Jesus! Yes, He took full control of my entire being, and used my tongue, speaking mysteries, as the Spirit gave utterance.

Then, it was not long until He gave me a calling and sent me into His vineyard to labor. I was added to the Church of God at Albuquerque, N. Mex. about five years ago. Brother Owen R. Rouse came down and baptized me. Later I applied for ministers license and Brother Rouse obtained them for me. The Lord has blessed wonderfully here and has given us a place of worship.

I wanted to attend the Bible School, but was not financially able. On account of lack of sufficient means I left the battlefield to go to work, only preaching occasionally. I soon found I was out of the Lord's will. He didn't bless me so good anymore. I could feel my experience leaking out.

Finally, my wife was taken sick, and remained thus for three months. I would try to pray for her, but it seemed that my prayers were of no effect. One night after I had retired, while I lay meditating, the Lord spoke to me and said, "Why don't you obey me?" I, like Paul, replied, "What is it Lord?" He said, "You have prayed for me to heal your wife. Believe and obey, and I will heal her." I said, "I will Lord." I began to pray again, and He said, "Lay your hands on her." I did so, and the power struck us, both at the same time. A good shaking up followed and wife was healed from that moment. I have had the victory in my soul ever since.

Now, the Lord has sent me back to Albuquerque to begin where I left off, and to prove myself. He is wonderfully blessing us. Souls are getting saved and sanctified. The devil is raging, but I thank God for victory. Satan is trying to tear the Church of God down, but I am glad that God has a people that will stand for the Church of God and her divine government.

Pray for me, that I may be found a worthy workman in the Lord's service. Praise the Lord forever! Amen!

State Overseers

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